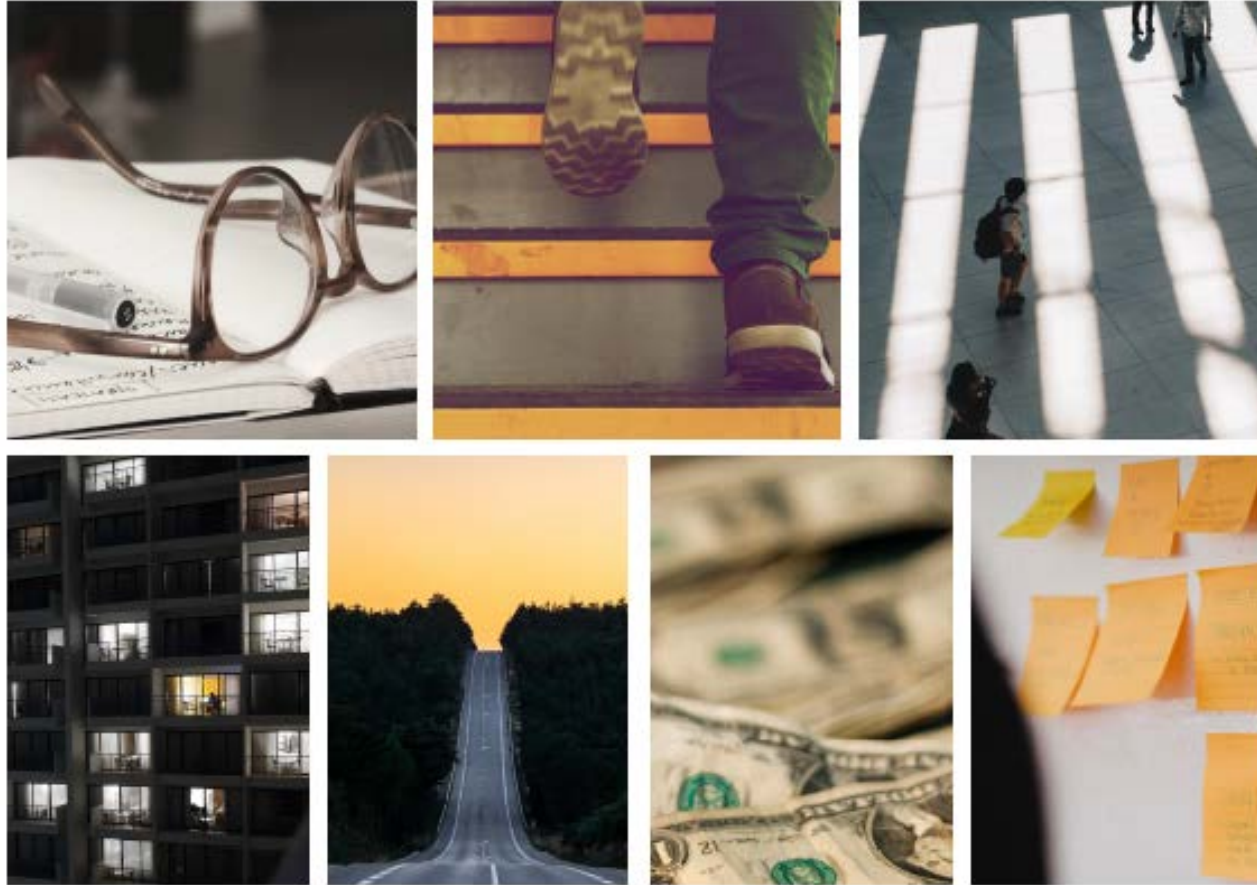


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Policy Reforms Can Strengthen Community Supervision

A framework to improve probation and parole

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Advisory-based policies toward an effective community supervision system

- I. Enact alternatives to arrest, incarceration, and supervision
- II. Implement evidence-based policies centered around risk and need
- III. Adopt shorter supervision terms based on incentives and goals that change behavior
- IV. Establish effective and appropriate supervision conditions
- V. Develop individualized conditions regarding the payment of legal financial obligations
- VI. Reduce incarceration and promote long-term success
- VII. Provide community supervision agencies with the support they need to be effective

I. Enact alternatives to arrest, incarceration, and supervision

Policies:

- Offer deferred prosecution
- Make community service available as an alternative
- Make certain moving vehicle offenses citations
- Reclassify lower-level drug offenses
- Revise felony thresholds for property offenses
- Prioritize drug courts for higher-risk individuals
- Set state-level standards for drug courts

II. Implement evidence-based policies centered on risk and needs

Policies:

- Assess risk and needs using a validated tool
- Base case plans on risk and needs assessment findings
- Supervise by risk level
- Implement specialized caseloads
- Use workload analyses to set caseload size

III. Adopt shorter supervision sentences and focus on goals and incentives

Policies:

- Provide goal-based supervision
- Use incentives to influence behavior
- Offer earned compliance credits
- Provide earned-time credit for program completion
- Limit supervision terms
- Permit presumptive discharge
- Consolidate concurrent supervision

IV. Establish effective and appropriate supervision conditions

Policies:

- Base conditions on supervision goals
- Require drug testing only to determine treatment needs
- Use technology to reduce barriers to reporting
- Offer place-based supervision

V. Develop individualized conditions for payment of legal financial obligations

Policies:

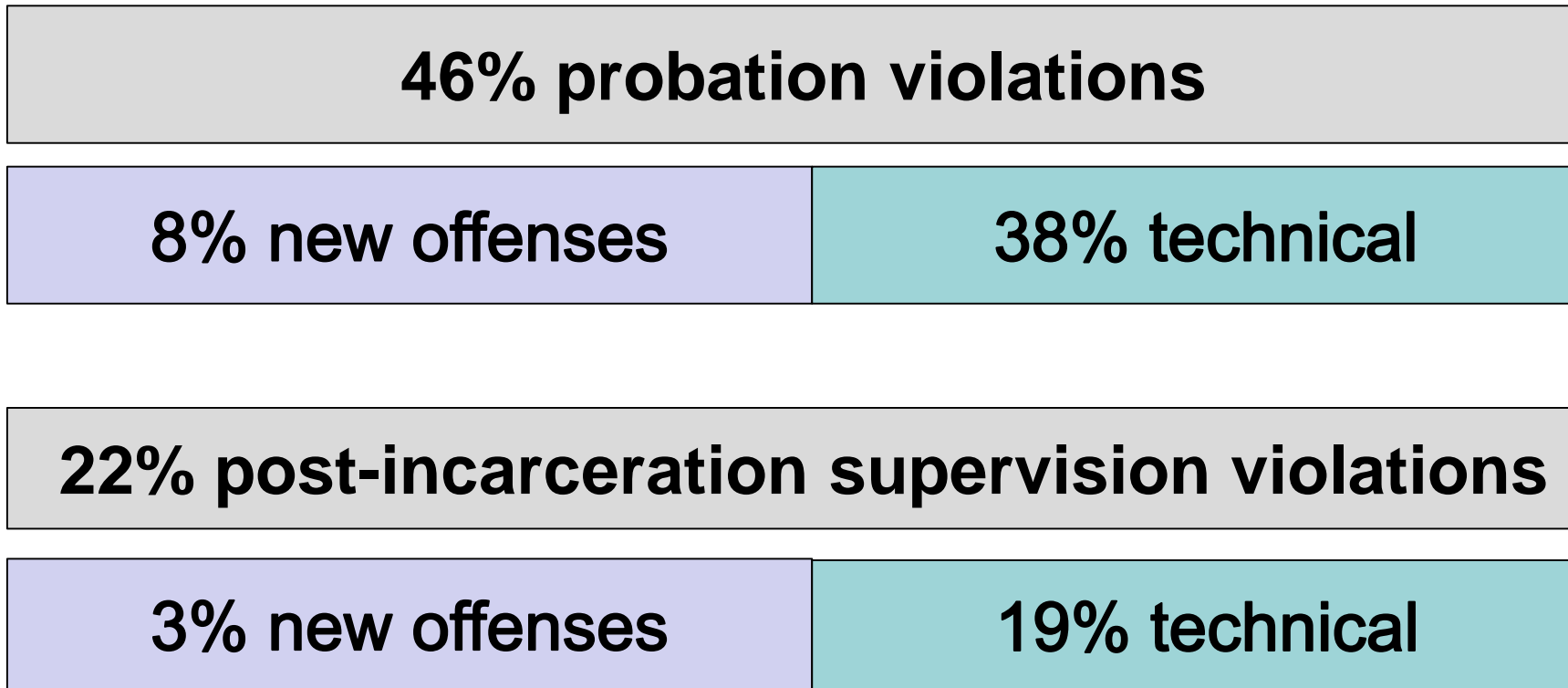
- Make restitution payments affordable
- Prohibit fees for supervision, corrections services, and assessment
- Stabilize agency funding through public sector support
- Assess individuals' ability to pay
- Make fines, fees, and court-ordered assessments proportional
- Postpone the start of financial obligations
- Allow payment plans, waivers, and forgiveness options
- Provide alternatives to fines and fees
- Prohibit revocations for inability to pay
- Ensure that inability to pay does not prevent supervision discharge
- Prohibit suspension of a driver's license for inability to pay

VI. Reduce use of and pathways to incarceration

- ***Policies:***
 - Clearly define a technical violation
 - Develop supervision responses to absconding
 - Limit arrest for revocations based on technical violations
 - Limit incarceration for technical violations
 - Limit incarceration pending a revocation hearing
 - Provide counsel at revocation hearings
 - Deploy transition specialists
 - Provide a continuum of health treatment
 - Maintain treatment for substance use and behavioral health
 - Assist with continuity of health care benefits

In Kansas, 68% of prison admissions are for supervision violations (2017) and make up 33% of the prison population (2018).

Admissions (2017):



VII. Support community supervision agencies

- ***Policies:***
 - Use financial incentives to promote success
 - Train staff in evidence-based practices
 - Link hiring and promotion with evidence-based practices
 - Adopt performance measures
 - Track demographic data related to outcomes
 - Reduce and prevent racial and ethnic disparities in supervision
 - Evaluate reforms for effectiveness

Endorsements:



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